



## DESERT OASIS AT LOST CREEK

Visit the Lost Creek Trailhead seven miles from the Visitor Center on the Scenic Drive. Walk up the trail until you come to a spring with willow trees around it (about 1/3 mile).

Put your fingers in the water. How does it feel? \_\_\_\_\_ cold? \_\_\_\_\_ warm?

Sit quietly next to the stream for a few minutes. Do you see any insects or animals? Write down those that you see. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think this might be a good spot for other animals to come and drink when you are not there? What animals might get water here? \_\_\_\_\_

Lost Creek has water all year long. If you were a thirsty Native American or pioneer at Red Rock Canyon years ago, would this spot have been important to you? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

WHY? \_\_\_\_\_

DO NOT DRINK THIS WATER. There may be tiny creatures in the water like Giardia lamblia that could make you sick. People today must purify water from wild streams and springs before they can safely drink it.

If you have time, you may want to walk a short distance to the end of the canyon where a seasonal waterfall occurs in the spring and after a heavy rainfall.

